

REMARKS


Claims 64 - 84 are pending in the present application. No claims have been amended in this paper. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the Abstract as requested by the examiner. Applicant has cited the Hodgson reference in an IDS as requested by the examiner. The IDS is filed herewith along with the applicable fees.

The examiner rejected the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,390,993 (Cornish, et al.), and Cornish in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,488,637 (Elder, et al.). As suggested by the examiner, applicant submits for the examiner's consideration a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the enforcement period of the present application if issued into a patent extending beyond the enforcement period of the Cornish patent, of which both are presently commonly owned. Applicant respectfully requests that the two rejections be withdrawn in view of the terminal disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully submitted and allowance at an early date is solicited.

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